March, 2002

Vivek Vihar

Shakurbasti

Yamuna Vihar

April, 2002

Chandni Chowk

Kingsway Camp

Mayur Vihar

May, 2002

Yamuna Vihar

Timarpur

June, 2002

Laxmi Nagar

Filling of vacancies of Judges

*19. SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has blamed the States for inordinate delay in filling up vacancies of Judges in Fast Track Courts resulting in accumulation of arrears of 2.4 crore cases in the subordinate courts;

(b) whether any directive has been issued to the States to fill up these vacancies under a time-bound programme;

(c) if so, whether any specific date has been given to States by which time these vacancies are to be filled up; and

(d) if so, which are the States which have not implemented the directive of Government in filling up the vacancies of Judges?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. JANA KRISHNAMURTHI): (a) No, Sir. It is the primary responsibility of the State Governments to fill up the vacancies of Judges in Fast Track Courts as recommended by the Eleventh Finance Commission. The Central Government has been periodically urging the State Governments to establish the earmarked number of Fast Track Courts at the earliest.

(b) and (c) The Supreme Court of India in its judgement dated the 6th May, 2002 in the T.C.(C) No. 22 of 2001, Brij Mohan Lal *vs.* Union of India and others has directed as follows:—

> "The High Court and the State Government shall ensure that there exists no vacancy so far as the Fast Track Courts are concerned, and necessary steps in that regard shall be taken within three months from today. In other words, steps should be taken to set up all the Fast Track Courts within the stipulated time."

Accordingly, the Chief Ministers of States have been requested by the then Minister of Law, Justice and Company Affairs on 27th May, 2002 to set up the full number of Fast Track Courts in their respective jurisdiction, within the time-limit specified by the Supreme Court.

Similarly, Chief Ministers of all States and Chief Justices of all High Courts on 26th April, 2002, were requested to take early steps for filling up the vacancies in District and Subordinate Courts on priority by 31st March, 2003 as per directive of the Supreme Court in the case of All India Judges' Association *vs.* Union of India and Others.

(d) Does not arise, since the time-limit prescribed by the Supreme Court for filling up the vacancies of Judges in Fast Track Courts extends upto the 5th August, 2002.

Non-implementation of ACP scheme in CGHS

*20. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned. "Health Check: CGHS arteries blocked" and "CGHS staffers demand promotions", which appeared in the Hindustan Times and Indian Express on 17th and 19th June, 2002, respectively:

(b) the details of steps being taken to augment the surprise visits of the dispensaries;

(c) whether one of the main reasons for ill-functioning of the CGHS dispensaries is denying promotions to CGHS staffers;

(d) if so, the reasons for non-implementation of the Assured Career Progression (ACP) scheme to CGHS pharmacists; and

(e) the steps being taken to implement the scheme for them?